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My name is Sergeant Brad Fann with the Williamson County Sheriff's Office in Franklin, Tennessee. I have worked with the Sheriff's Office since December 05, 2005. During my eighteen years at the Sheriff's Office, I have served as a Dual Purpose K-9 Handler, a Narcotics Investigator and currently serve as Sergeant of our Narcotics Investigations Unit, and still handle a single purpose Narcotics Detection Canine.

It is with great concern I am sending you the information contained herein. Late January 2023 Investigators within my unit conducted an interview with an overdose patient upon recovery and release from our local hospital. During the interview, it was brought to our attention how this individual could purchase crystal methamphetamine from multiple individuals and it could all take place within our county. On February 07, 2023, our Narcotics Investigation Unit launched an investigation of multiple drug traffickers. This is still an ongoing investigation; however, I simply would like to share some recent findings. From February 07, 2023 through March 02, 2023, our unit utilized a single confidential informant whereby we conducted twenty-six undercover narcotics operations where we purchased crystal methamphetamine. Those twenty-six operations netted the purchase of 357.61 grams of crystal methamphetamine. Upon field testing the purchased crystal methamphetamine it was discovered in ALL twenty-six cases the crystal methamphetamine tested positive for methamphetamine, however they ALL tested positive for a, 'Potential Alternative Substances: Fentanyl.'

On March 06, 2023, an SRO at one of our local high schools responded to the back parking lot of the school where he discovered a sixteen-year-old student had overdosed inside a vehicle. The SRO quickly administered Narcan to the juvenile, was able to revive the student, and ultimately saved a life. It was determined the student had crushed and snorted what the student thought to be a Roxicodone tablet, however in reality it was a pressed Fentanyl tablet which mimicked a Roxicodone. These fake Roxicodone tablets are more commonly referred to on the streets as 'M 30's', or 'Blues.'

I provide this information to you in an effort to express how we are finding the lethal drug Fentanyl in everything. We have found marijuana laced with Fentanyl, THC Edibles laced with Fentanyl, Cocaine laced with Fentanyl and the list goes on. I cannot express enough how it is being found in literally, EVERYTHING we are seeing on the streets.

Our overdose responses are higher than they have ever been. We have seen our administration of Narcan go from three and four doses per overdose patient this past year, rise to four and five doses per patient this year. That is not taking into



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consideration what Emergency Medical Services is administering once they arrive on scene and take over treatment of the overdose patients.

I hope what little bit of information I have shared with you as a 'boots on the ground Narcotics Investigator' can assist you in some way with your relentless endeavor to help combat the illicit sale and use of this lethal narcotic: Fentanyl.

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